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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS TAUFIQUE TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE ASSOCIATION FOR POSTAL COMMERCE
(POSTCOM/USPS-T38-1)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness
Taufique to the following interrogatory of the Association for Postal Commerce:
PostCom/USPS-T38-1, filed on March 8, 2000.

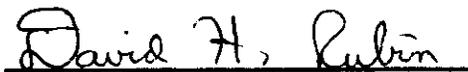
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS TAUFIQUE
TO INTERROGATORY OF ASSOCIATION FOR POSTAL COMMERCE**

PostCom/USPS-T38-1. Please describe all reasons why in Docket No. R97-1 you proposed changing the presort tiers for Periodicals from Basic and 3/5-digit to Basic, 3-digit, and 5-digit.

RESPONSE:

Please see my Docket No. R97-1 testimony (USPS-T-34), pages 6 through 9, where I discuss my reasons for the proposed change in the presort tiers for Periodicals.

DECLARATION

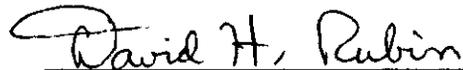
I, Altaf H. Taufique, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Dated: MARCH 22, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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